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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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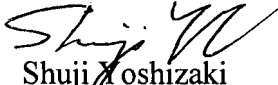
In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims (1-17) and Group II, Claims (18-32).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims (1-17) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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